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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ECWA FOURTH PLENARY: PLO APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

REF: USUN 1131

1. BRITISH EMBASSY TOLD US TODAY THAT ECWA SEC GEN ATTAR DISCUSSED UPCOMING ECWA CONFERENCE WITH BRITISH CHARGE 7 APRIL AND EXPLAINED HOW HE INTENDED TO DEAL WITH ISSUE OF PLO WISH FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA. IF ITEM NOT DROPPED FROM AGENDA BEFORE CONFERENCE BEGINS, ATTAR INTENDS TO HOLD CLOSED MEETING OF ECWA MEMBERS AT BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE TO GET AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE PLO MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FROM AGENDA. IF HIS OWN PERSUASIVE EFFORTS NOT EFFECTIVE, ATTAR INTENDS TO SHOW MEMEBERS LETTER FROM UN SEC GEN INFORMING ATTAR THE ECOSOC WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE ANY MOVE TO ACCEPT PLO AS ECWA MEMBER. (NOTE: ATTAR MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO CABLE UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL VAN LAETHEM SENT ATTAR ON SUBJECT PER PARA 2 REFTEL). DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, ATTAR SAID, ECWA CONFERENCE
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MIGHT RESOLVE TO RECOMMEND TO ECOSOC TO ADMIT PLO TO FULL MEMBERSHIP--A RECOMMENDATION ATTAR WAS SURE ECOSOC WOULD TURN DOWN.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY HAD NOT HEARD OF EC RECOMMENDATION THAT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS OF THE NINE INTERVENE ON THIS MATTER AT ECWA MEETING, NOR WERE THEY AWARE

OF UKUN VIEWS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL. BRITISH EMBASSY SUSPECTS GUIDELINES ON SUBJECT WILL BE BROUGHT OUT BY ADRIAN SMITH, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT FCO, WHO HAS ATTENDED PAST ECWA CONFERENCES AND WILL BE UK OBSERVER AT AMMAN CONFERENCE. MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH US, BRITISH EMBASSY HAS DECIDED TO CABLE FCO ON MATTER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSUME THAT AS OBSERVERS, EMBASSY DELEGATION WILL NOT GET DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY ACTION ECWA CONFERENCE MAY TAKE ON THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR EMBASSY DELEGATION IF ISSUE OF PLO FULL MEMBERSHIP REACHES OPEN SESSION OF CONFERENCE. SINCE THIS IS FIRST ECWA SESSION WHICH EMBASSY ATTENDING, ALSO APPRECIATE ANY GENERAL GUIDANCE ON OUR POSTURE THERE.
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